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EUROPEAN WIRELESS FILE FOR MONDAY, FEB 28, 1977, (NO 39) ITEM EUR X-2 CONTAINS TEXT OF FEB 28 WASHINGTON STAR COLUMN BY JACK GERMOND AND JULES WITCOVER, BASED ON INTERVIEW ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. COLUMN REFERS TO FEB 17 TOUGH CEAUSESCU SPEECH, "AND THE ACCOMPANYING ARRESTS IN BUCHAREST, JUST SIX DAYS EARLIER." WE ASSUME GERMOND AND WITCOVER ARE REFERRING TO VARIOUS PRESS REPORTS, AND PARTICULARLY THAT OF MALCOLM BROWNE, WHICH INTERPRETED TEMPORARY LOSS OF CONTACT WITH DISSIDENT AUTHOR PAUL GOMA AND OTHERS WHO SIGNED HIS MANIFESTO AS POSSIBLE ARREST OR DETENTION. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ALL WIRE SERVICES, BROWNE HIMSELF, AND BOTH VOA AND RFE HAVE NOW CORRECTLY REPORTED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE AND THAT NEITHER GOMA NOR ANY OF THE OTHERS WERE EVER ARRESTED OR DETAINED. GOMA HIMSELF HAS CONFIRMED THIS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EITHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY BRINGING THESE FACTS TO THE ATTENTION OF ABOVE JOURNALISTS, IN WHATEVER WAY IS DEEMED MOST APPROPRIATE. **BARNES**

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